

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 13, 2004**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wichita, Kansas 67214**

**Members Present**

Vice Mayor Carl Brewer  
Gerald Domitrovic  
Treatha Brown-Foster  
Lori Lawrence  
Debra K. Miller  
Debby Moore  
Sharon Myers\*  
Steve Roberts  
James Thompson  
Lois Tully-Gerber

**Members Absent**

LaVonta Williams

**Guests**

Dorothy Nave, 1802 Looman  
Glen Dey, 4515 Greenbriar  
Oletha Faust Goudeau, PO Box 20335  
Beverly Domitrovic, Schweiter NA

**\*Alternates**

**City of Wichita Staff Present**

Virdena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant  
Captain Felecia Norris, WPD  
Officer Dana McElrath, WPD  
Jamsheed Mehta, Planning Department

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order**

**Vice Mayor Brewer** called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed the guests. He then asked if anyone wished to be added to the Public Agenda. No one came forth.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Brewer (Roberts)** made a motion to approve the August 7, 2004 minutes as submitted. Motion carried (8-0).

**Approval of Agenda**

**Virdena Gilkey, staff**, reported that Inga Taylor would not speak on the Public Agenda. Also, that MAPD staff will present on the K-96 Bike Path Connection. **Brewer (Moore)** made a motion to approve the September 13, 2004 DAB I meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried (8-0).

**Public Agenda**

**1. Swearing In of District Advisory Board 1**

Karen Sublett, City Clerk, swore in District 1 Advisory Board Members and instructed them to sign the Oath of Office form.

**Recommended Action: The board was sworn in and signed the forms.**

2. **Off-agenda items**

**Ingra Taylor, Cross Point, did not** address the board concerning the organization.

**Recommended Action: Presentation omitted.**

**Treatha Brown Foster** left at 7:08 p.m.

**Staff Reports**

3. **Police Report**

**Captain Felicia Norris, Patrol North**, introduced herself to the board as the newly appointed captain in District 1. She stated that she has 23 years of service, she cited her credentials, and that she has been in her current position for 11 days. Captain Norris also reported that the WPD webpage has been updated and invited the board members to contact the Patrol North Officers for assistance.

*(Captain Norris' response in italics)*

**Vice Mayor Brewer** asked about the crime stats in her 11 days as captain. *Unfortunately, the crime stats in the past 11 days have not been good. There have been two girls death and several shootings.* **Moore** explained that her car tag was stolen and asked if that is happening a lot? *Periodically we have tag theft, but it is usually the stickers that are stolen and not the entire tag. Hopefully you made a police report.* **Miller** offered her congratulations. **Thompson** said welcome to the north area.

**Officer McElrath, 45 Beat Coordinator**, reported that crime is down despite the past weekend. He also reported the following: a) 43 Beat is experiencing burglaries on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Central; b) 44 Beat had a shooting at 1800 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street where two individuals were fighting and one of the victims was shot in the chest; c) Officer Seang is addressing drug problems at 17<sup>th</sup> and Volutsia/Estelle; d) 45 Beat officers have worked proactively with the Quik Trip at 13<sup>th</sup> and Oliver. From the hours of 7:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. the store temporarily employed officers to address the loitering issues. Now those officers are hired permanently to assist with this issue; and e) Officer Kimble is addressing drug problems that have recently resurfaced in the 1100 block of Cleveland.

*(Officer McElrath's response in italics)*

**Thompson** remarked that it seems like the Quik Trip at 13<sup>th</sup> and Oliver has a lot of problems. What's the cause of the violence? *Until the most recent shooting, there have been no problems for three or four years. Quik Trip hired the police officers for proactive defense on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.* **Myers** asked if there was any information for 46 Beat? *Officer Parker left early today, so I did not obtain his report.* **Brewer** asked if the house in the 1100 block of Cleveland was the house raided due to dogfights? *No.*

The board received and filed.

4. **I-35/K-96 Bike Path Connection**

**Jamsheed Mehta, Planning Department**, explained that the Planning Department is applying for KDOT funding through the Transportation

Enhancement Program. The City of Wichita CIP has set aside \$800,000 in local matching funds for years 2006 and 2007 for enhancement projects. KDOT requires a 20 percent local match. However, staff is proposing a 30 percent local match in order to score higher points under KDOT's rating scheme and to raise the probability of Wichita projects being selected. This 30% match for the City of Wichita is \$300,000.

Mr. Mehta stated that the proposal for District 1 is the I-35/K-96 Bike Path, which is a two mile long project that will connect several paths. Mr. Mehta showed the maps of the project and how the bike paths will connect. He further stated that by the completion of this project, there would be nearly 60 miles of trails once the trails are all connected. Also, there are two other projects in this enhancement. They will be seeking the City Councils approval, which is required due to the local match.

*(Mr. Mehta's response is in italics)*

**Moore** commented that she knows several people who have worked on this project and that she supports this enhancement. **Miller** commented that the previous application had been refused and asked who refused it? *The program was approved, but was limited by funding issues each of those years. It was not high enough on the totem for the City to fund.* Miller also asked what are the maintenance issues for the right of way and who is responsible? *The only right of way issue is next to I-35 due to the moving of the fence. Additional fencing is needed in the back. Maintenance is part of the Park and Recreation Department's responsibility.* **Domitrovic** asked if this project is approved, will Planning rank which projects get funded? *We try not to do that. Projects are approved by the City Council and MAPC; however, it is KDOT that does the ranking.* **Brewer** asked how many residential homes will this run common to? *I think there are very few. If the state allows the new path, it would follow the greenway adjacent to the ramps. The pedestrian sidewalks would be widened. On the north side, at the end of the cul-de-sac, the trail comes pretty close. We could be told to find another way for the 10-foot wide sidewalk.* Brewer asked how would you put in the 10-foot wide sidewalk in these areas? *An example of that would be the sidewalks installed on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street (Home Depot to Rock Road).* **Tully-Gerber** asked if the trail would cross over Woodlawn? *Yes. It is a very used trail. K-96 is the second highest used trail in the city.* Further, she asked if there is a way to connect the school campus of Buckner/Brooks School to get to the trail? *Dr. Dey responded that on the northwest side of the campus classes could go directly to the park and would be one continuous loop. It would be approximately 600 feet of loop.* **Myers** asked if there is anyway that the bike/pedestrian crossing could be built to not cross Hillside? *To raise the bridge would be very expensive. This type of project would not be less than \$500,000. We would also have to consider areas such as Rock Road, which are more heavily used. Hillside is not heavily used, however, a bridge is the ultimate safety solution.* **Tully-Gerber** commented that the Topeka Bike Trail System feels open and safer. She asked if there is any potential for that kind of application? *There is a significant grade difference as they can ramp down and Wichita is flat, which would make that design hard to do. It is something that can be explored, but there is not enough overhead.*

**Thompson (Roberts)** made a motion to support the applications and recommend City Council authorization for submittal to KDOT. Motion carried 7-0.

**Vice Mayor Brewer** asked Mr. Mehta to send a copy of the plans to Power, Northeast Millair, and McAdams Neighborhood Associations, as they are the neighborhoods directly affected.

### **Unfinished Business**

No items submitted

### **New Business**

No items submitted

### **Board Agenda**

#### **6. Updates, Issues, and Reports**

- **Domitrovic** announced that Schweiter Day would take place September 25, 2004; 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Rivera Park @ Menlo and Schweiter Drive.
- **Roberts** announced that a Candidates Forum would be held September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tully-Gerber** commented that in District 2, the construction is poorly signed and poorly managed on Rock Road north of 21<sup>st</sup> Street. She reported that there is also a hole, which is troubling and hazardous. With all of the rain, many of the cars can be damaged. The construction crew is Cornejo and Sons. **Brewer** responded that he would go by and check it out.
- **Dr. Glen Dey** reported that the prefabricated play station for Grove Park should arrive the next day and would hopefully be installed soon. He invited everyone out to witness the assembled equipment.
- **Dorothy Nave, 1802 Looman**, stated that she has been waiting for the bike path for years and years. The board voted on this years ago, but nothing ever happened. Glad to see that something is happening.
- **Brewer** announced that the next District I Coalition Meeting would be November 6, 2004 at Cisro's Restaurant and the next meeting of DAB I will be November 8, 2004.

With no further business, **Roberts (Miller)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virdena Gilkey  
Neighborhood Assistant